What is claimed is:

- 1. A method for controlling and/or regulating a cooling system for which a desired coolant temperature (21) is determined, wherein the desired coolant temperature (21) is determined in a desired coolant temperature determination (14) at least as a function of one desired component temperature (10).
- 2. The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein a temperature difference (19) is subtracted from the desired component temperature (10) in the desired coolant temperature determination (14) in order to obtain the desired coolant temperature (21).
- 3. The method as recited in Claim 1 or 2, wherein a heat input of a driving engine contained in the cooling system is taken into consideration in the desired coolant temperature determination (14) for the determination of the desired coolant temperature (21).
- 4. The method as recited in Claim 3, wherein the energy consumption (18) of the driving engine is taken into consideration in the determination of the desired coolant temperature (21).
- 5. The method as recited in one of the preceding claims, wherein a coolant flow (17) is taken into consideration in the determination of the desired coolant temperature (21).
- 6. The method as recited in Claims 2, 4, and 5,

- wherein a second family of characteristics (16), which provides the temperature difference (19) from the coolant flow (17) and the energy consumption (18), is provided.
- 7. The method as recited in one of the preceding claims, wherein the desired component temperature (10) depends on an operating point of a driving engine contained in the cooling system.
- 8. The method as recited in Claim 7, wherein the desired component temperature (10) depends on the speed (12) and/or the torque (13) of the driving engine.
- 9. The method as recited in one of the preceding claims, wherein a regulator (15) is provided to determine a correction temperature (24), which is used to correct the desired coolant temperature (21), from the desired component temperature (10) and an actual component temperature (23) which is measured by a temperature sensor (22).